



December 2018

LaCrosse HOA Newsletter

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Happy Holidays!!

The LaCrosse Community accomplished a lot in 2018, and the HOA volunteer Board of Directors would like to thank all homeowners and renters for their hard work. Thanks again to all the volunteers who assisted with the renovation of the Monterey Lane playground park. We would also like to thank everyone who responded to the call to action to take care of front porch and lawn care concerns. Over 40 warning violation letters were mailed of which only 5 required certified mailings. Only 1 violation was not addressed by the end of the summer.

One of our biggest challenges this year as the Board became more active and has been educating residents on the importance of keeping their homes, yards and property areas well maintained and in otherwise good repair. We have no desire to dictate how to maintain your property. However, the job of the HOA Board is to ensure all homeowners and renters are abiding by the Covenants and Bylaws agreed to when purchasing a home in this neighborhood. The developer of LaCrosse established those documents (which are now available on our website) for the primary purpose of keeping up the value of everyone's property and the overall excellent appearance of the neighborhood. It is in everyone's best interest to encourage one another to do our very best in keeping up our properties, especially in times like these when it's a buyer's market. Thank you to all who complied.

2019 Annual HOA Dues

The Board has chosen not to implement an increase in the annual assessment for 2019. The Board was able to maintain the current assessment through diligent cost cutting measures and careful oversight of contracts with suppliers.

The annual HOA dues of \$500.00 will be mailed out to each homeowner the end of December, so please keep a lookout for them. If you do not receive your invoice by the first couple days in January, please contact us by email for a duplicate copy. Your dues payment is due by January 31, 2019! To avoid late a fee of \$50 and interest, the payment must be postmarked by January 31, 2019. You can pay by mail or through your bank bill pay.

Annual Homeowners Meeting – January 8th at 7pm

The Annual Meeting will be held on Tuesday, January 8th at 7pm at Risdon Middle School. We will discuss the option for increasing dues to cover necessary repairs for our aging fence and irrigation system, versus charging each homeowner a special assessment. We will also discuss 2018 violation focuses. Please mark your calendar. The more participation from the community the better!

Holiday Season Celebration – December 8th at 6:30pm

Join us for our 1st Annual Holiday Lighting Ceremony on Saturday, December 8th, from 6:30 P.M. to 8:00 P.M. at the LaCrosse Main Entrance (112th & 34th). Food drive, hand-decorated cookies, hot drinks, and games will be sure to put a smile on your face. At 7:00 P.M., we'll flip the big switch to light up the entrance and celebrate the meaning of family, friends,





and community. The Board will provide holiday cookie decorating, hot chocolate and cider, Corn Hole and Giant Jenga!

Holiday Donations

During the December 8th Holiday Lighting event, we will be collecting donations, including non-perishable food items (cans, dry package goods, jars, etc.), infant formula, baby food and diapers for our local Salvation Army Renton Food Bank. These items will be given to local food pantries for distribution to those in need of help. If you have been fortunate, please remember those less fortunate than you by making a donation. You will make a difference in someone having a holiday meal this year or not.

*Please check beforehand for expiration dates. Please, no perishable items including bread or meat.

For those unable to attend this event, but want to donate, please contact Sandy Taylor, 206-650-6156.

Scoop That Poop

Most dog owners in LaCrosse are responsible and pick up after their dog. Unfortunately, there are still a few irresponsible residents that let their dogs roam the neighborhood or poop in their neighbor's yards during walks. Please be considerate of your neighbors and pick up after your beloved pet.

Car Break-ins

With the holidays fast approaching and with the increase in hours of darkness, please keep your vehicles cleaned out and your vehicle doors locked. Prowlers are on the hunt for profit and they are out and about every evening and early morning; we have recently had several vehicle break-ins. Even if you don't think what you have in your car is valuable, the prowler may disagree so don't take any chances! The best and easiest deterrent is to keep your porch and garage lights on all night.

Friendly Reminders

- Holiday ornaments and decorations must be removed within fifteen (15) days after the holiday.
- Now that the election is over, all political signage should be removed.
- Recreation equipment such as bikes, wagons, toys, etc. should not be left on the front or side yards when not in use.
- Trash cans should be stored out of sight unless on trash days. Trash or recycling containers shall not be kept visible in the front or side yard, porch, or entryway

Raking Leaves

As a good neighbor, when raking your leaves, please don't blow it onto the street. A strong breeze will carry your leaves into your neighbors' yard - hardly fair to the neighbor who has already cleaned up. In addition, a thick layer of leaves may affect your lawn's health. When the grass is hidden beneath a thick mat of leaves, it doesn't get the sunlight and air needed to stay alive. Thick leaf layers increase the risk for dying grass, pest infestation and fungus.

Stay Informed

LaCrosse wants to reduce paper used to provide information to the neighborhood. Please help us by subscribing to our mailing list at: <https://lacrossehoa.org/news-events/>. And... don't forget to join our LaCrosse Facebook page: www.facebook.com/groups/LaCrosseHOA/ and click on the blue "Join Group" box. Any questions, please email LaCrosseHOA@gmail.com.

*The LaCrosse Board of
Directors Wish You and Your
Families A Very Happy
Holiday Season!*

